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In re: Johan Christiaan Fitter
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the Title of the Invention with:

-- Electrochemical Cell Having a Current Impeding Medium --

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1 - 3, and 6 as follows:

1. (Once amended) An electrochemical cell comprising opposed positive and negative electrodes and an aqueous electrolyte in ionic contact with the electrodes, the electrochemical cell being disposed to cause electrolysis when a sufficient amount of potential is applied across the electrodes, the electrochemical cell further comprising a current impeding medium that provides through contact with the electrolyte a resistive path in a flow of a current between the electrodes when a potential sufficient to cause electrolysis of the electrolyte is applied across the electrodes, thereby to reduce the flow